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First Named Inventor	Mark B. Lyles
Art Unit	1639
Examiner Name	Epperson, Jon D.
Attorney Docket Number	068986.0103

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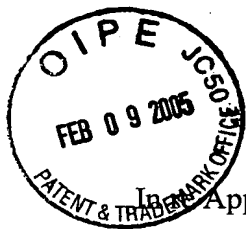
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.